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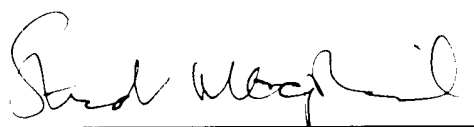
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, Applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of DNA sequences related to SEQ ID NO:6 or DNA encoding SEQ ID NO:5, vectors, host cells, and methods of producing the polypeptide. The election is made without traverse.

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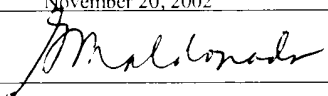

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